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For: DEMOUNTABLE AND
REUSABLE WALL AND
CEILING SYSTEM

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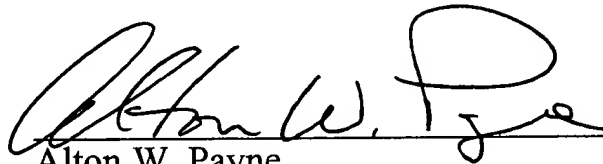
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Petition is made for the above-identified application in which any delay was unintentional.

Delay in the present application was unintentional and continued prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

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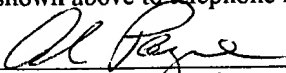

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Dear Examiner Horton,

Per our telephone conversation last week, attached are "clean" copies of the pages that were amended for the captioned patent application. The nine (9) pages submitted are 15, 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55. Page 55 is now a blank page.

If you need a clean copy of the entire application (56 pages), please contact me and we will mail, fax or email it to you, whichever you request.

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system of the present invention having elements that are bendable metal.

FIG. 21A a sectional illustration of a channelled bottom track used in association with the wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

5 FIG. 21AA a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track used in association with the wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

10 FIG. 21AAA a sectional illustration of yet another channelled bottom track used in association with the wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

FIG. 21B is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track used in association with a load-bearing wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

15 FIG. 22A is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track used in association with a wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

FIG. 22AA is a sectional illustration of an alternate alternate embodiment of the one piece base track with a raised channel-seat for the stud.

20 FIG. 22B is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track used in association with a wall system of the present invention having a data channel .

25 FIG. 22C is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track used in association with a load-bearing wall system of the present invention having a data channel.

FIG. 23 illustrates a one-piece head track for use with one embodiment of the present invention.

The above general description and the following detailed description are merely illustrative of the generic invention, and

bottom track 2122 has flush base trim 2130 with a raised channel seat for accepting the stud 2120. As in the other embodiments, the base trim 2130 is affixed to the bottom track 2122, but not the panel 2102, for easy removal. As with the other embodiments of the present invention, treated screws
5 2104F may be used.

FIG. 21B is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track 2122 used in association with a load-bearing wall system of the present invention having a data channel 2122A. The bottom track 2122 has flush base trim 2130 with a raised channel seat for accepting the stud 2120. As in
10 the other embodiments, the base trim 2130 is affixed to the bottom track 2122, but not the panel 2102, for easy removal. As with the other embodiments of the present invention, treated screws 2104F may be used.

FIG. 22A is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track 2222 used in association with a wall system of the present invention having a
15 data channel 2222A. The bottom track 2222 has flush base trim 2230 with a raised channel seat for accepting the stud 2220. As in the other embodiments, the base trim 2230 is affixed to the bottom track 2222, but not the panel 2202, for easy removal. As with the other embodiments of the present invention, treated screws 2204F may be used.

20 FIG. 22AA is a sectional illustration of an alternate alternate embodiment of the one piece base track with a raised channel-seat for the stud.

FIG. 22B is a sectional illustration of another channelled bottom track 2222 used in association with a wall system of the present invention having a
25 data channel 2222A. The bottom track 2222 has flush base trim 2230 with a raised channel seat for accepting the stud 2220. As in the other embodiments, the base trim 2230 is affixed to the bottom track 2222, but not the panel

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A demountable and reusable wall assembly for
2 partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:

4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the
5 extremities,

6 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,

7 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,

8 (d) a tape, and

9 (e) a tab associated with the tape,

10 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel
11 edges to form a seam, the long-term, removable
12 fasteners secure the adjacent panels to the studs,
13 the seam and long-term removable fasteners are
14 covered with the tape and covered with a mud
15 compound, the tape is sufficiently strong to be
16 removed, when the wall assembly is demounted,
17 the tape and the mud compound is disengaged
18 from the panels thereby exposing the long-term
19 removable fasteners such that the long-term
20 removable fasteners are easily removed and the
21 panels and studs disassembled, the heads of the

22 long-term removable fasteners are kept clean for
23 easy engagement and removal and the tape is
24 sufficiently unporous to prevent the mud
25 compound from penetrating through the tape to fill
26 the heads of the long-term fasteners.

1 2. A demountable and reusable wall assembly for
2 partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:

4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the
5 extremities,

6 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,

7 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,

8 (d) a tape,

9 (e) a tab associated with the tape, and

10 (f) a releasable adhesive,

11 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel

12 edges to form a seam, the long-term, removable

13 fasteners secure the adjacent panels to the studs,

14 the seam and long-term removable fasteners are

15 covered with the tape and covered with a mud

16 compound, the tape is sufficiently strong to be

17 removed, when the wall assembly is demounted,

18 the tape and the mud compound is disengaged

19 from the panels thereby exposing the long-term

20 removable fasteners such that the long-term

21 removable fasteners are easily removed and the

22 panels and studs disassembled, the heads of the
23 long-term removable fasteners are kept clean for
24 easy engagement and removal and the tape is
25 sufficiently unporous to prevent the mud
26 compound from penetrating through the tape to fill
27 the heads of the long-term fasteners, the panels
28 are also affixed to the studs not at the panel edges
29 using the releasable adhesive.

1 3. A demountable and reusable wall assembly for
2 partitioning a room space between an overhead and a floor
3 comprising:

4 (a) a plurality of panels having edges at the
5 extremities,

6 (b) a plurality of studs for supporting the panels,

7 (c) a plurality of long-term removeable fasteners,

8 (d) a tape,

9 (e) a tab associated with the tape, and

10 (f) a releasable adhesive,

11 the panels are affixed to the studs at the panel
12 edges to form a seam, the long-term, removable
13 fasteners secure the adjacent panels to the studs,
14 the seam and the long-term removable fasteners
15 are covered with the tape and covered with a mud
16 compound, the tape is sufficiently strong to be
17 removed, when the wall assembly is demounted
18 the tape and the mud compound is disengaged
19 from the panels thereby exposing the long-term
20 removable fasteners such that the long-term
21 removable fasteners are easily removed and the

22 panels and studs disassembled, the heads of the
23 long-term removable fasteners are kept clean for
24 easy engagement and removal and the tape is
25 sufficiently unporous to prevent the mud
26 compound from penetrating through the tape to fill
27 the heads of the long-term fasteners, further,
28 the panels are also affixed to the studs not at the
29 panel edges using the long-term, removable
30 fasteners to secure the middle portion of the panels
31 to the studs intermediate of the extremities of the
32 panel, and the long-term removable fasteners are
33 covered with the tape and covered with a mud
34 compound, the tape is sufficiently strong to be
35 removed, when the wall assembly is demounted
36 the tape and the mud compound is disengaged
37 from the panel thereby exposing the long-term
38 removable fasteners such that the long-term
39 removable fasteners are easily removed and the
40 panels and studs disassembled.



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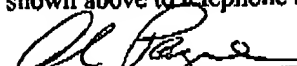
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